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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
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BANCORP SERVICES, L.L.C.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO.
and INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE
MARKETING GROUP, INC.
Defendants.

Case No. ~~4:00CV070-CEJ~~

4:00 CV 1266 CEJ

ORDER

This matter is before the Court sua sponte.

As part of an action filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, plaintiff filed a motion to dismiss or, in the alternative, to stay or transfer Hartford Life Insurance Co. and International Corporate Marketing Group, Inc. v. Bancorp Services, L.L.C., No. 4:00CV1903 (RMB) to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. The court granted plaintiff's motion to transfer the matter to the Eastern District of Missouri.

Plaintiff filed this action to seek a declaratory judgment of non-infringement and validity of a patent of financial products. This same patent was the subject of the above case previously before the New York court. The attorneys representing both parties are the same in both cases.


Rule 42 (a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure allows the Court to consolidate actions involving common questions of law or fact. Upon review of the allegations set forth in the above cases,

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it is apparent that they involve common questions of both law and fact such that they should be consolidated.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this action is consolidated with the case styled Hartford Life and International Corporate Marketing Group, Inc. v. Bancorp Services, L.L.C., No. 4:00CV1266 (CEJ). Henceforth, all pleadings and other documents in that case shall be filed in the case styled Bancorp Services, L.L.C. v. Hartford Life and International Corporate Marketing Group, Inc., No. 4:00CV070 (CEJ).


CAROL E. JACKSON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 13th day of November, 2000.

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